Trivandrum Water Works Engineer.

281. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the working of the Trivandrum Water Works Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what special experience the present Water Works Engineer has had in conducting a new scheme like the Trivandrum Water Works; and

(*b*) (i) how many years' service he has put in in the Public Works Department of the State; and

(ii) of this, how many years he has served in the Chief Engineer's Office and how many years outside?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The experience he has gained by inspecting and studying on the spot the water works in British India such as the water works of Pulta Tallah, Jamshedpur, Benares, Allahabad, Cawnpore, Gwalior, Bombay, Poona, Bangalore, Mysore, Badravati and Madras and the Mettur Dam Works, to which he had been deputed by the Government.

(*b*) (i) About 18 years and 10 months.

(ii) About 5 years and two months in the Chief Engineer's Office and the balance outside.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, with reference to part (*a*), whether the Engineer was deputed, to inspect and study these water works schemes, by the Government of Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not quite grasp the question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the present Engineer in charge of the water works scheme was deputed by Government to go and inspect and study these water works schemes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He was deputed to study not the schemes as they should be in Travancore but to study those works on the spot.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): But with reference to part (*a*), the answer is given that he examined, inspected and studied the water works schemes of Pulta, and half a dozen other places.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Not the schemes, but the water works. He went there, saw the works and talked with the officers and studied the conditions.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My question is whether he was sent for this particular purpose by the Government of Travancore. May I know, Sir, on what date he was sent out to inspect these water works?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here. He was sent once to visit the places in Upper India and a second time to Madras.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : It may not serve any purpose if the exact dates are not given. Then, may I know the dates on which he returned from these inspections ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : If he cannot give even that, will the member tell me the approximate period the Engineer spent outside for inspecting these works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : About three or four months.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the member is in a position to elucidate the number of days he spent in each of these places ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It varies. In some places he spent two days and in some others about 10 days.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the Government are aware if he spent five minutes to study a work in any particular place, or even one minute ? Is there information about that ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : About what ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : The duration of his inspection ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : He decided it himself. It depended upon the nature of the work, and the amount of knowledge to be gained.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether any information is now available about his inspection to be given to the House ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : If his diary is perused it will give that information.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : He is asking you whether you can give that information ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the work was in progress in any of these places when he visited them or whether in all these places the works were completed when he visited them ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) In some places the works were completed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there any definite information as to whether he had occasion to inspect and study the works when these were actually in execution ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, with reference to part (*b*) (i) whether he had any experience in Travancore about the water works scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Allotment and expenditure for the Trivandrum Water Works.

282. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the Budget allotment for the Trivandrum Water Works for the year 1105; and

(*b*) the actual expenditure incurred during the year up to the end of Mithunam?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 15 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 6,11,572.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know, Sir, why it was not possible for the Engineer to spend all the Rs. 15 lakhs allotted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Probably they were not able to execute all the works intended to be executed during the year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why he was not able to execute the works when funds were sanctioned for that purpose?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Probably they did not find it easy to execute the work and that is why the funds lapsed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Why can't you call for information and submit it, Mr. Krishna Pillai? You can now claim notice and supply it on a future occasion.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): When I asked the learned member he answered that he did not find it easy to spend the amount. Will he please explain the word 'easy'?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He meant 'probably'. I told Mr. Krishna Pillai that it would be more satisfactory if the Government calls for detailed information and place correct information before the House instead of speculating. He therefore claimed notice. That is an end of it, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My grievance is—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I follow you.

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